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SUBJ: FOREIGN RELATIONS: GOG STATEMENT ON HOUSE VOTE ON  
THE EMBARGO

1. FOLLOWING IS THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE GOG LATE LAST  
NIGHT (10:00 PM) AFTER A MEETING OF THE INNER CABINET  
(OR GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WHICH IS COMPOSED OF THE PRIME  
MINISTER, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, AND THE MINISTERS  
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FINANCE, AND TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT) ON THE  
HOUSE VOTE TO LIFT THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. THE ENGLISH TEXT OF  
THE STATEMENT IS AS ISSUED BY THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS  
NEWS AGENCY (WITH A FEW EMBASSY CHANGES IN BRACKETS).

2. BEGIN TEXT: "THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WISHES TO EXPRESS  
ITS REGRET OVER THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE U.S. HOUSE

OF REPRESENTATIVES ON LIFTING THE EMBARGO. THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO, WHEN THE REASONS FOR WHICH IT WAS IMPOSED STILL EXIST JUST AS BEFORE, NOT ONLY CONSTITUTES INCONSISTENCY IN U.S. POLICY, IT ALSO CREATES THE DANGER OF RENDERING THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS IN OUR REGION EVEN MORE DIFFICULT. APART FROM ANY OTHER CONSIDERATION, IT MAY WELL ENCOURAGE TURKEY TO BECOME EVEN MORE INTRANSIGENT, AND THE SETTLEMENT OF THESE PROBLEMS MAINLY DEPENDS ON TURKEY.

"THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS HAVE ONE MORE CHANCE TO RESTRICT THIS DANGER WHEN THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE MEET TO HARMONIZE THE TWO CHAMBERS' DECISIONS.

"THE RESPONSIBILITY ABOUT TO BE ASSUMED BY THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS A VERY HEAVY ONE. WASHINGTON WILL HAVE TO EXPLOIT TO THE MAXIMUM BEGIN BRACKETS MAKE THE MOST OF END BRACKETS THE POSITIVE POINTS IN THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE TWO CHAMBERS, WHICH POINTS WE BELIEVE BEGIN BRACKETS EXPECT END BRACKETS WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS. FURTHERMORE, THE U.S. ADMINACTICE THE EXPECTATIONS IT HAS EVOKED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO.

"THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WILL AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THE INITIATIVES THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WILL HAVE TO ASSUME  
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FOR THIS PURPOSE. FOR ITS OWN PART, THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO PROTECT AND SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF GREECE BEGIN BRACKETS HELLENISM END BRACKETS. END TEXT.  
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